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SUBJECT: IEA: JAPANESE DELEGATION'S COMMENTS ON POINTS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DRAFTING THE SLT CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

BEGIN TEXT:

1. GENERAL COMMENTS

1) IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, AS WAS GENERALLY AGREED, THAT THE WORK DONE IN THE SLT DOES NOT PREJUDGE IN ANYWAY OUR FINAL POSITION ON THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM, INCLUDING DETAILED TECHNICAL POINTS OF THE PROPOSED MSP SYSTEM

2) IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE GATT PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE MSP SYSTEM WERE TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE SLT AFTER THEMAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE MSP SYSTEM ARE WORKED OUT. SINCE WE MAINTAIN THAT THE GATT PROBLEMS ARE SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT IN SOLVING, WE CANNOT REFRAIN FROM TAKING UP THIS MATTER IN THE GB.

3) ALTHOUGH WE ARE WELL INFORMED OF YOUR INTENTION UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCERNING THE "DIALOGUE" CLAUSE, WE STILL HOPE THAT A

FOOTNOTE SOMETHING LIKE "RECOGNIZING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MSP SYSTEM AND THE PRODUCER AND CONSUMER DIALOGUE MODIFICATIONS OF THE SYSTEM MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DIALOGUE" BE INSERTED. THIS ISSUE MIGHT ALSO BE TAKEN UP IN THE GB.

- 2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS
 - 1) CHAPTER I, PARA 3.

THE FINAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO ATTAIN SECURITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. WE MUST EXPRESS THEREFORE OUR RESERVATION ON ESTABLISHING MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES FOR REDUCTION OF THE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL AS A FINAL AND GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

2) CHAPTER III C. ANNEX. GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

THIS IS IN CLOSE CONNECTION WITH THE FINAL CHOICE OF MEASURES IN CHAPTER V, AND BEARING THIS IN MIND WE WANT TO RESERVE OUR POSITION ON THE PRESENT TEXT. THE COMMITMENTS CONTAINED IN THE PRESENT TEXT SHOULD BE UPGRADED, INCLUDING INSERTION OF AN EXPORT CLAUSE.

3) CHAPTER III D.

WE WANT TO REMIND YOU OF OUR GENERAL RESERVATION ON THIS CHAPTER PENDING OUR DECISION ON WHETHER A "GENERAL APPROACH" OR A "COUNTRY BY COUNTRY APPROACH" BE ADOPTED. ON THE TEXT AS A WORKING HYPOTHESIS WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, AMONG OTHERS, ON WHICH TO COMMENT.

A) PARA 5 (A), ANNEX 7

OPEN-ENDED LIST IS PREFERABLE

B) PARA 5 (B) AND PARA 6

WE STILL MAINTAIN A GENERAL RESERVATION.

C) ANNEX 1 AND 3

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF DEFERRING THE DECISION ON THESE POINTS TO A LATER DATE, JULY 1, 1976, SHOULD BE EXAMINED, PENDING THE DECISION ON PREPOSITIONING. END TEXT KATZ

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